

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jonas Brazaitis - Sunday 27 May 1956

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1. [] and ^{the} undersigned met subject ^{on} 27 May 1956 ^{in a} ^{N.Y.} at a downtown hotel

~~in New York~~ at 1800 hours. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss with subject the activities of the FRONTAS organization and to establish the degree of ~~the~~ progress subject ^{had} made in his negotiations with Matulionis regarding the ~~relative~~ ^{letter} joining VLIK and accepting the position as head of the VLIK radio section.

2. First item subject discussed was the question ~~of the number~~ ¹ obtaining a visa for Prof. IVINSKIS, a member of the FRONTAS party, who ^{wishes} ~~is~~ to come on a visitor's visa to the US in order to participate in the convention of the Frontas organization which is to be held in July. Subject stated that he instructed Prof. I to apply for a visa at the American Consulate ~~in~~ in Rome and ~~that~~ state that he wishes to come to the US as a visitor for 3 months. Subject further confirmed the undersigned ⁱⁿ previous conversation with him in this matter that, in case I is refused a visa, he will notify the undersigned at which time the undersigned will explore the possibility of expediting ^{directly} the matter in Rome. Subject further added that ~~the~~ ^{at} present I is in London and engaged in research ~~on the~~ work. He will, however, ^{soon} ~~shortly~~ return to Rome.

3. Subject then discussed the matter of Proj. Maceina in Germany who, as it was already reported, was approached by his wife who especially came from Lithuania to visit him, with the request that he return home. Subject confirmed that this story was published first in the Latvian ^{new} paper and ~~now was~~ ^{has now been published} in Lithuanian papers. Subject, however, ^{raised} ~~emphasized~~ that it was not true that Prof. M. was placed in a mental hospital after his encounter with his wife. According to information received by subject, Proj. M. is in good health and is still residing in the same place in Germany. Subject wrote to Germany and requested information to confirm whether the rumors that M. was ^{again} ~~was~~ approached by the Soviets was true. ✓

4. Subject further informed that Dr. Pajaujis from Sweden is also expected to arrive in the US for the Frontas convention, (NOTE: P. is a contact ^{of A/1} ^{whom} intended to use ^{for} for developing REDSKIN leads in Sweden. It is intended to develop P. further after ^C ^{] arrives and establishes himself at the} ^C ^{] The undersigned asked subject to notify him when P arrives in the US and to arrange at that time a meeting between the undersigned and P.}

5. The undersigned then discussed with subject the matter of ^{Butenas} ^{agent} sent to Lith in 1951 who, according to Lith newspaper reports, is still alive. See ^{previous} contact report with Subject, ^{the undersigned} Subject informed that according to information received from the editor of the newspaper in which the news item about B appeared, the source of the information about B was Mr. ^{Matuilionis} ~~Matuilionis~~ (Chairman of VLIK) who heard this news while he was in Germany. Subject discussed the matter with M who confirmed that he actually heard the news about B in Germany; however, he could not recollect ~~as to~~ who actually told him about it. Subject stated that he wrote several letters to Germany in order to find out more specifically as to the source of this information.

6. Subject ^{the undersigned} further informed that in Sept or Oct of last year an old man of about 65 or 70 years was allowed to leave Lith for the purpose of joining his relative in Columbia, SA. He added that he heard also of a woman h unknown who recently arrived from Lith to join relatives in Chicago. Subject is investigating the matter and will inform us as to further details in the last case.

7. Subject then stated that according to information he received from Cleveland, an American Lith ~~and~~ recently received a letter from a former Lith ^{partisan} ~~partisan~~ who is now imprisoned in Siberia. Subject ^{now} requested more details in this matter and also the name of the ^{partisan} ~~partisan~~ and will inform us accordingly. 4

8. Subject then discussed the matter of Loz' arrival in the US. Subject stated that one purpose ^{of visit to} ~~of~~ Loz ~~has in coming to~~ the US is his aspiration ~~of~~ to take the place of the present Minister in Washington, Mr. Zadeiks. Subject confirmed that there were some articles in the Lith presses ^{on} ~~in~~ ~~what~~ this matter. Subject expressed his opinion that the press items alleging that Z is to resign and Loz ^{is to replace him} (to take over his place) are not true. In subject's opinion, in order for Loz to ^{replace} (take over) Z's place, ~~whether~~ if the latter resigns, the former must be appointed consul^{at} of the Lith legation in Wash. Since only a consul^{at} can take over the place of the Minister. ^{State Dept.} Accordingly, to establish procedure ~~at the State Dept.~~ Subject, however, does not believe that Loz will ~~actually~~ agree to becoming a consul^{at} working under Z. Thus, in the opinion of subject, the whole matter is problematic and will never materialize. Furthermore, according to ~~ex~~ subject, Z already denies publicly that he intends to resign his job. Subject further added ^{that} ~~in regard to~~ Loz ~~that~~ his main mission is apparently to strengthen his position in the eyes of the Lith committee as chief of Diplom^{at} and to establish close relations with the rightist Lith parties whose central committee is located in the US.

9. Subject then discussed his conditions for a agreement with VLIK. Subject stated that in his recent conversation with Mat he again indicated ^{that he} in order for him to become head of the the VLIK radio section, Frontas organization must join VLIK. He stated that the following two conditions must be met by VLIK in this case:

a. Dr. Kravlis should write a letter of apology to Subject indicating that his allegations and insinuations about subject being an "American agent" were not true and were misunderstood by the press when such statements were published.

b. The present administration of VLIK must see to it that the delegates representing the Darbo Federacija Organization in VLIK ^{are} [should be] elected by ^{that} this organization and not [as it is at present where the delegates ^{are} were appointed] by the Christian Democratic Party. ^{as is the practice at present}

(NOTE: The DF Federation - labor federation-is a Catholic labor party which is adjunct to the CDP. At present this party has 3 delegates in the VLIK Assembly. Subject claims that these delegates are not true representatives of the organization but were appointed by the CD. Subject explained that he was interested in true representation of his party because this party is not spirit close to the Frontas organization.) Subject stated that when the above two conditions are met FRONTAS will be ready to join VLIK and consequently he will be ready to accept the job as head of the VLIK radio section as offered to him previously by M.

10. Concerning the above paragraph, the undersigned made it clear again to subject that we are not in any way pressing the point that he should take over the radio section. As he is well aware, we are interested in effective radio activities under the ^{auspices} aegis of VLIK. In our opinion subject would be a proper person to have charge of these activities, however, it is definitely up to VLIK to decide whom they wish to appoint for the job of director of the radio ~~xxx~~ workshop.

11. At the end subject ~~stated~~ stated that he recently received a letter from Paris from ~~an~~ a friend of his whose name he was not willing to divulge. In this letter his friend informed subject that ~~according to~~ the following rumors is circulating among the members of the Lith Committee in Paris: "[~~apparent~~ ^{Lihter}] and [] indicated that the support VLIK has been receiving herethereto will be withdrawn. On the other hand the US State Dept will ~~now~~ strengthen its support of Loz." Subject did not ~~elaborate~~ ^{now could he} elaborate further on the above rumor, He ~~could not~~ explain the basis for this rumor. The meeting then terminated and subject promised to inform shortly the undersigned with regard ^{to} the matters discussed in the above para.

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